

## REMARKS

In addition to providing an Abstract required by the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated December 6, 2004, Applicant wishes to enter this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which has been prepared with the benefit of an English translation of the specification, received after the original national filing.

In the Amendment, claims 1 to 17 have been cancelled and new claims 18 to 43 have been added to more clearly define the invention. However, should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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